Indo-Sri Lanka joint patrolling

*114. SHRIMATI S.G.INDIRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Sri Lanka have begun co-ordinated patrolling along the international Maritime border;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to make a joint patrolling with the Sri Lankan Navy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The Indian Navy along with the Indian Coast Guard carried out regular patrols on the Indian side of the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) in the Palk Bay. There is also an institutionalised mechanism of quarterly IMBL meeting between the representatives of the Sri Lankan Navy, the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard in addition to Operations Review Meeting held bi-annually alternately at Sri Lanka and India. However, there has been no coordinated patrol or joint patrol with the Sri Lankan Navy.

Increasing the share of power

*115. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are proposals to increase the share of power from various sources like nuclear power and natural gas;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals on anvil, including terms and conditions, if any, and the countries associated with the above programme as on today;

(c) the details including the programme for generating energy from civil nuclear programme;

(d) whether there is any proposal to allow private sector/marketing forces in the above power generation programme especially civil nuclear power generation programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OFPOWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (e) To provide availability of over 1000 units of per capita electricity by year 2012 it had been estimated that need based capacity addition of more than 1,00,000 MW would be required during the period 2002—12.